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DFA ESTABLISHES FIELD OFFICE IN NEW YORK CITY

The appointment of Francis J. Anderson as area supervisor of the Area 2 operations of the Defense Fisheries Administration was announced today by Secretar of the Interior Oscar L. Chapman.

The Area 2 office of DFA will be established temporarily in the Market News Office of the Fish and Wildlife Service at 155 John Street, New York, N. Y. Mr. Anderson expects to arrive there about March 5.

Mr. Anderson will handle local material, production, manpower and other problems confronting the fishing industry in Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey Delaware, and the eastern sections of New York and Pennsylvania, as a result of th stepped-up defense production operations. He will also serve in a liaison capacit; between the Area's fishing industry and the Washington offices of DFA. With this regional setup, many problems can be solved quickly at the local level without referral to the Washington headquarters, declared Administrator Albert M. Day.

Mr. Anderson entered the employ of the Fish and Wildlife Service in 1938 and was formerly in charge of the Fishery Market News office in New York; in addition to these duties, he served as Deputy Area Coordinator of the Office of Fisheries Coordination during part of World War II. The functions of OFC were similar in many respects to DFA.

Mr. Anderson was born in Everett, Mass. Prior to his employment in Governmen service, he had ten years of experience in New England in the wholesale and retail distribution of fishery products and in the freezing and cold storage of fish. His Washington area address is 831 Labella Walk, Falls Church, Va.

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